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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the following patent is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his consideration:

U.S. Patent No. 5,921,573 (CHALLANDE et al.), issued on July 13, 1999.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and M.P.E.P. §609, a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,921,573 is attached. In addition, the patent is identified on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the patent and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the PTO-1449 form and by returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any fee required for consideration of this information disclosure statement can be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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